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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

NEW CITY OF MURRAY.

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Murray was selected as the name of the new city because of the already widespread acceptance of the name "Murray New Town", and after consideration by the Geographical Names Board.

Another factor was that there did not seem to be any strong public demand for the new city to be named after a local explorer, settler or other identity, as borne out by the 'Sunday Mail' poll.

Monarto was not selected as it was already part of the total area, and this could have been confusing.

It must also be appreciated that while a large number of respondents to the 'Sunday Mail' poll favoured a change of name, it is probable that those who believe Murray to be the best support it tacitly, and so did not take part in the poll.

However, in view of the results of the poll the 'Sunday Mail's' findings will be referred to the Geographical Names Board for detailed study and report.

The Bureau of Meteorology has been studying various aspects of the siting of the new city since it was first proposed.

All investigations to date, and they are continuing, establish that meteorological factors will not be a problem in planning the new city on the site selected.